

REMARKS

By the *Final Office Action* 13 December 2004, Claims 1-9 and 17-19 are pending in the Application, Claim 9 objected to, and the remaining Claims rejected. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of Claim 9 if rewritten. Claim 1 is canceled, Claim 9 rewritten, Claims 2-3 and 6-8 amended to depend from Claim 9, Claim 17 amended in similar conformance with Claim 9, and Claims 18-19 unchanged.

No new matter is believed introduced by the present *Response and Amendment After Final Rejection*. It is respectfully requested that the present amendments be entered, and respectfully submitted that the present Application is in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

1. Docket Number and Change in Correspondence Address

Applicant respectfully requests the docket number of this Application be changed from 7648.0022 to GTRC157. The prosecution of this Application has been transferred to a new law firm, and its docketing procedures would benefit with this new docket number. A *Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication Form* to the present firm is filed concurrently herewith.

The new Applicant is a small entity. Should a *Notice of Allowability* issue, please have such noted.

2. The Claims

Claim 9 as originally filed was objected to, but noted as allowable if rewritten into independent form with all the limitations of the base Claim and any intervening Claims. See *Office Action, Page No. 12, 16 December 2003*.

Claim 9 as presented herein reflects the combination of the recitations of Claim 1 and 9 as originally filed, and thus believed allowable. Claim 1 is canceled.

Claims 2-3 and 6-8 are amended to depend from Claim 9, and thus believed allowable.

Claims 4-5 remained unchanged, and are believed allowable.

Claims 10-16 are canceled.

Claim 17 is represented in its original form, and provided with the recitation of Claim 9 regarding the relative slot height profile, and thus believed allowable.

Claims 18-19 remain unchanged, and believed allowable.

New Claim 20 is added (and believed properly added after *Final Rejection* as Claim 1 is herein canceled), and is believed allowable as Claim 9 is allowable.

3. Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 3, 6-8, 17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 3,474,209 to Parker in view of US Patent No. 2,650,291 to Kinn. Claims 2, 4-5 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parker in view of Kinn, and further in view of US Patent No. 3,784,777 to Soulier.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the independent Claim 9 and 17 are non-obvious as amended over the art, and thus all the pending Claims now allowable.

4. Fees

This *Response and Amendment After Final Rejection* is being filed within six months of the *Office Action*, and more specifically within two months, thus no extension fees are believed due.

This *Response and Amendment After Final Rejection* does not alter the total number of Claims, and thus no Claim fees are believed due.

Nonetheless, should any further fees be due, authorization to charge deposit account No. 20-1507 is hereby expressly given.

CONCLUSION

By the present *Response and Amendment After Final Rejection*, the Application has been in placed in full condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable action. Should the Examiner have any further questions or reservations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Attorney at 404.885.2773.

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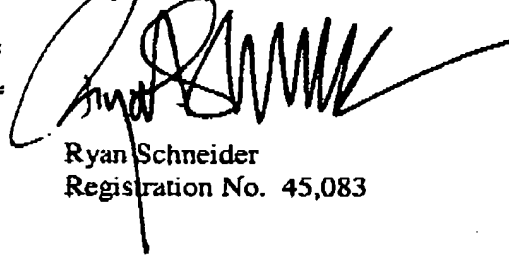
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